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Message: I have questions and comments both about many topics in the plan, but will address each separately. Thank you.

**Balance & Growth:**

You mention higher density housing & mixed use close to transit & "jobs", leaving the lower density areas as they are. Of course I realize most businesses are in denser areas and providing housing near public transportation makes sense. The impact, however, hits families who already are impacted by a lot of that and it decreases the quality of life. These are often lower income families and in the same breath, your plan mentions raising those neighborhoods up, providing better access things and beautifying streets. I would hope those areas also get parks, recreation and green space, as increasing building seems contradictory to some of the rest.

Might you also consider building in neighborhoods currently away from the hustle and bustle, the traffic and other congestion and have builders provide electric shuttles to public transportation areas? This would spread things out a bit so as not to impact or overwhelm any one neighborhood. It seems unfair to keep piling on into neighborhoods just because public transportation is available.

One last comment, at one of the presentations it was said this new housing would have less parking since it's near public transportation. This seems unrealistic, since many families have multiple cars and need them for more than getting to jobs. Unless there is shopping, ballparks, recreation/parks, entertainment and schools and daycare and easy access to a health facility, I think families need cars.

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